

The Gant County Fiscal Court met in Special Session on Monday, March 06, 2006, at 7:00 P.M. at the Grant County Courthouse in Williamstown, Kentucky 41097, with Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, Present; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, Present; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, Present, and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, Present and Presiding.

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Magistrate Messer opened in prayer. Judge Link then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present were: Clark Kinman-Cable TV and James Perkins.

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Motion of Patricia Conrad and seconded by Kenny Messer it is hereby ordered to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2006, meeting as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Claims in the General Expense Fund, Road Fund and Jail Fund for the month of March, 2006, along with the transfers needed to pay said claims. He asked if there were any questions about them.

Motion of Kenny Messer and seconded by Patricia Conrad it is hereby ordered to approve Claims No. 01-0946 thru 01-0996 in the amount of \$37,783.41 paid out of the General Expense Fund; Claims No. 02-0302 thru 02-0320 in the amount of \$5,723.26 paid out of the Road Fund; and Claims No. 03-0347, 0348, 0349 and 03-885 thru 03-0391 in the amount of \$21,398.92 paid out of the Jail Fund, for the month of March, 2006, along with the transfers presented to pay said claims.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell L. Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for a second reading Ordinance No. 01-2006-581 relating to an Amendment to the Grant County Zoning Map for applicant Verina Adkins, along with the Notice to run in the local paper showing adoption, if approved. They are as follows: Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Patricia Conrad it is hereby ordered to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 01-2006-581 relating to an Amendment to the Grant County Zoning Map for applicant Verina Adkins, along with the Notice to run in the local paper showing adoption as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review the Building Inspector's Report for February 2006. No action is required. It is as follows: He stated that the Co Locate Permits were for Cellular Towers which was a good thing as they can put additional antennas on the ones already existing instead of building new ones. Discussion was held on the areas these were located. He also presented for review the Road Supervisor's Report for February 2006. No action is required. It is as follows: Judge Link stated that they had worked on Marathon Drive at Corinth and he thought the work was complete from what Charlie told him this morning. Magistrate Austin stated that what he saw up there looked good but he was not sure; there may be a place or two that they may need to put a Cross Culvert, and Charlie may be going to do that, but there are a couple of places that he doesn't think there is a culvert there, but maybe he has plans to do that, but he said that the road is in pretty good shape. Judge Link stated that he had asked Charlie to ensure that it was ditched properly and that we did have all the cross culverts in where he thought was

necessary. Charlie had reported to Judge Link this morning that he thought they were all in place and they also had to put a cross culvert in a driveway or two. Judge Link thought he has completed that but has not been up there since they completed this work.

Magistrate Austin said when you go down and go around the loop and come back in that loop he feels that water will stand in there but doesn't know if putting a culvert in there to get it off will help or not, but down the road to the left, it looked pretty good. He said they cleaned it out pretty good. Magistrate Conrad updated that the trees on the Dry Ridge Mt. Zion Road coming up the hill by Billy Dills had been cut which made it really help and made a big difference. Judge Link said they cooperated really well and he knew the Court really wanted those trees removed and had them removed, but the next day the first call he received was from someone calling in to say that we need guardrails there. He said that since the trees were taken out you really can see now. Magistrate Austin said there was not any trees that close to the road that would keep you from going over in there. The trees were down in there off the road. Magistrate Conrad said when those leaf out you just can't see around there. Judge Link commented "Well, you can see now". Magistrate Messer said there are still some pretty bad bumps in that road too, and Magistrate Austin said they still need to ditch that hill where the trees are by Billy Dills. Some of it is good but some of it needs to be ditched or have that Channel lighter put in there before we get that road blacktopped. He said he was looking right before you get to Magistrate Conrad's house between where Darrell Crase is building a house and then go past the Barber, but then after you get up to the next drive and then drive up to Pat's house, it looks like we should build a ditch there, but maybe we can't. There is no culvert underneath their driveway, and he still doesn't know why they didn't have one

put in. It would have helped. It will run down hill, but he doesn't think there is a cross culvert there where the drive comes down out of there, but Magistrate Conrad thought there was. Judge Link said as long as it doesn't stand in the road. Sometimes water will go across the road, as long as it doesn't stand in the road. Magistrate Austin thinks it will run down the road but when it gets down to the end he doesn't think there is any place for it to go, so he felt the Court might want to address that. Judge Link said the worst thing about it being on the road is like over at Mt. Zion when you come up from The Country Store, which is a State Road, when it freezes you just slide right thru that intersection out into that old School, but water stands there and when it freezes you just go right out in the intersection. You have no choice, but he said you have to drive sensibly. Magistrate Messer mentioned Meniffee Road and some bad spots on it that need repaired. This road goes down and into Kenton County and back towards Crittenden and always gets bad there. He said it has a couple of big holes right before you get to the Gripshover's that need fixed. Judge Link said he knew where it was, it was on that hill and water runs down the edge of it. Magistrate Austin mentioned some trees down there that might make someone some good firewood if Charlie didn't have plans for them.

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Judge Link presented for review the Financial Report for Lloyd's Welfare House for Calendar Year 2005. It is as follows: He updated on the Revenue and Expenditures on the report and the beginning balance date was changed to 01-01-05 rather than 01-01-06 as the Court felt this was an incorrect date. He said that the ending balance reflects more than the beginning balance after expenditures which is always good. He said that K. G. Cummins and his wife do a good job and take a great deal of pride in making the building look good.

Motion of Patricia Conrad and seconded by Kenny Messer it is hereby ordered to accept the Financial Report for Lloyd's Welfare House for Calendar Year 2005 as presented with includes the change of date.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link updated that a Motion was needed to Void Check No. 8773 dated 02-21-06 paid out of the Jail Fund to Staples for \$135.00 due to the fact that said check was paid to the wrong Vendor.

Motion of Patricia Conrad and seconded by Richard Austin it is hereby ordered to Void Check No. 8773 dated 02-21-06 paid out of the Jail Fund to Staples for \$135.00 as requested.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Memorandum of Agreement between the Northern Kentucky A.D.D. and Grant County in order to utilize funding from the Natural Resources & Environmental Protection Cabinet's Waste Tire Trust Fund (WTTF). It is as follows: He explained that the funds have diminished this year from previous years and updated on the \$8,000.00 that were available and how they were to be distributed evenly among all eight counties in the Northern Kentucky Area Development District. Magistrate Austin felt that there should be more funds to be made available for distribution to the counties and that Grant County should receive more than \$1,000.00. He pays into this Fund and feels that there is more money in that Fund for distribution.

Judge Link stated that he would check with Representative Adams or Senator Thayer or someone in the Environmental Cabinet but he feels what has taken place with this fund, along with many of the other funds, is they were taking money out of these funds because it is there and they are transferring it to other places in the State budget and we are only getting a very small portion of what was set up for when it was enacted because they did the same thing with the Remediation Fee at the landfill. There are 17 landfills in the State. The State said Okay we are going to pass House Bill 174. We are going to take that money over to Frankfort. We are going to give it back to you, and this year for the first time they took money out of that fund and used it in the General Fund to balance their budget and gave counties less. Magistrate Austin said that Royce should know. He pays into that Fund also, and he thought that when they passed this the money was to stay in that area and be used for Waste Sites, Tire Sites that were out there and to prevent it from happening in the future. Every dollar that comes from the county he thinks should come back to the county and if that county did not need it, then give it to others that needed it, but he feels that it should stay in that area to deal with waste tires.

Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Patricia Conrad it is hereby ordered to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Northern Kentucky A. D. D. and Grant County in order to utilize funding from the Natural Resources & Environmental Protection Cabinet's Waste Tire Trust Fund (WTTF) as presented and to further authorize the Judge/Executive to sign same on behalf of Fiscal Court.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link opened up discussion for the “Good of the County”. He said that anyone could address the Court at this time. Magistrate Austin stated he had talked to one of the Councilmen for the City of Williamstown and he thought that they were to have a first reading of an Ordinance tonight on the new Signage put up by the State. He thought the Ordinance was for them to take them down all up and down thru the intersection, Business 25 and Business District, etc. He said it is a mess really and there has been a lot of controversy about it over the last six weeks. He did compliment the State for putting up the Flashing Lights and sign on Arnie Risen Boulevard and said they may need to put one on Barnes Road. He hopes those signs are beneficial for the crossing and that whole thing there to keep anymore bad accidents from happening there. He is not sure if the City can make them take them down or not. Magistrate Conrad updated that she had read in the Grant County News that the State was going to be taking down signs on State right of ways which included political signs and other signs such as Real Estate signs, Houses for Sale and Yard Sale signs. She said that they had done this before when this Court ran for office and she feels that everyone should be aware of this as it is very distracting. Judge Link updated that Eagle Tunnel Road Bridge problem has widened more than they had anticipated, and that he had worked with Representative Adams to request an additional \$600,000.00 to build a bridge over there, so currently it is estimated that it will cost 1.2 million dollars to get that project completed. He updated that the House Transportation Budget that was passed has 1.2 million in there and said if they were talking to Senator Thayer to please ask him to make sure that everything that was passed out of the House in regards to the Transportation Plan stay and is protected as it moves thru his side, and if he sees him he will certainly encourage him to protect

everything they have fought for as well. He said as far as the Transportation Plan we are in good shape. All of the bridges that we have identified that need to be replaced, many of them this year, are in there including the one South of Williamstown, and the one over on Zion Station is still in there and also the two at Corinth are in there and then add Eagle Tunnel. We were also able to get some scope and study money in there to widen Highway 22 coming out of Owenton, and also scope and study money for the new Road on the East side of the tracks from Dry Ridge to Crittenden. He said now there are a few more days over there but we just have to keep fighting. Magistrate Austin stated that he had talked to a few people around Eagle Tunnel, especially on the other side, and told them how hard Judge Link has worked to get a bridge over there to keep that thing because the Railroad was going to take it out and leave them there, and Judge Link just absolutely refused to do it. He hopes those people show their appreciation at least with a telephone call for going to bat for them because they would have been left high and dry if Judge Link had not gone to bat for them, they would have been cut off right there. Judge Link said that he feels they appreciate it. He takes their appreciation in the fact that they don't call and complain. He looks at appreciation differently these days. If they don't call and complain he takes it that they appreciate it. Magistrate Austin asked if it is still to be a one lane bridge, and Judge Link said that it was to be a two lane bridge and updated on the reasoning for that change. Magistrate Conrad mentioned that the mess on Osborne Road is back and looks junky and is very messy. She said if she lived there she would be sick. Discussion held. Judge Link said that they have received Notice on this, and that Bryan was out there last Wednesday evening. Magistrate Austin mentioned that the subdivision that Bill Hutchison had on the Kelly farm had been sold and asked if

the Court had any interest in talking to those people about maybe running off the road thru there, and if we do we probably need to get on the front end of that and see. He doesn't know where it is going as far as seeing if it would connect and do away with the old. He feels that if we plan to think about that we need to let those people who bought it know to make that street so it would work thru there. He said he doesn't know if we want to go there or not but if they get it laid out and platted and then we ask for it, that may not work at all. Of course they may want the county to fund part of the road. It may not be something we want to do; he doesn't know. Judge Link said we could look at the Plat they submitted and see how close it comes. It has to be relatively close.

Magistrate Austin said there might be a little piece right on the corner back there in a pie shape that belongs to Gerald Penick. He said he would have to ask Bill Hutchison when he sees him, but said it goes way back in there. Discussion was held on the second crossing on Arnold's Creek and requesting Morris J. Webster to get to work on that crossing. Some discussion was also held in regards to water for this road, and not many have signed up to date. Magistrate Conrad updated that the Folsom-Jonesville Road people are very happy to get water on their road. Magistrate Austin said that the Fork Lick Road crossing is bad and needs fixed and updated on this crossing. Discussion was held and Judge Link will take a look at this crossing. Magistrate Conrad commented that the Governor is out of the hospital and still looks bad and has lost a lot of weight.

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Judge Link reminded Fiscal Court that the next Caucus meeting will be on March 13, 2006, at 5:30 P.M., and that the next meeting of the Fiscal Court will be on Monday, March 20, 2006, at 7:00 P.M.

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Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Patricia Conrad it is hereby ordered to

Adjourn until Monday, March 20, 2006, at 7:00 P.M.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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